

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS MARCH 2023

“Byways of Westminster” – come and discover the hidden gems of one of the world’s great cities!

We will discover 17th century charity schools, 19th century Cardinals, and a Medieval mill! The Walk will finish in the Victoria Tower Gardens, alongside Parliament.

This History Walk is being repeated FOUR times so as to offer different opportunities for people to attend

Thursday March 2nd 2023 Meet 6pm (after 5.30pm Mass) steps of Westminster Cathedral
Saturday March 4th Meet 3pm steps of Westminster Cathedral

Thursday March 9th Meet 3pm, steps of Westminster cathedral

Friday March 17th Meet 6pm (after 5.30pm Mass) steps of Westminster Cathedral

NO NEED TO BOOK: just turn up! We suggest a donation of £5 per person
www.catholichistorywalks.org

SVP Volunteering

The St Vincent de Paul Society have a small programme for befriending of lonely and vulnerable people. This involves a weekly or fortnightly visit to a person in their home. If you would be interested to find out more about this, please contact Sandra McNally on s.mcnally1@lse.ac.uk or phone 07779 078933. Please note that volunteers will need to get a DBS check organised with the help of the parish safeguarding officer.

Knock Pilgrimage

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland from London Heathrow, 15th May 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights’ in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum.

Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

This pilgrimage is not being organised through Farm Street Church.

Piano Duet Recital “Quo Vadis: Where are you going?”

In aid of ‘The Farm Street Church Conference of the SVP soup run’ and the ‘Central London Catholic Churches, Farm Street Homeless Service’

Join us on Thursday, 2 March 2023, 7.15pm at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, W1K 3AH for a Piano Duet Recital “Quo Vadis: Where are you going?”, with Imma Setiadi and Nigel Clayton (piano four-hands) and a guest narrator.

The inspiration behind the theme of this concert is ‘walking’. Yes, our day-to-day walk in the street, to our workplace, to the stations, the hustle bustle of our daily life which often leaves us little time for reflection. What happens if we take the day-to-day noise away and then go for a walk? What will we see and hear? Do we know where we are going?

Imma and Nigel will take you on a musical journey through piano duet music by Bernstein, Poulenc, Schubert, Fauré, Debussy, Rachmaninoff, Leroy Anderson, Dvorak and Brahms. This will be interspersed with specially written narration, pictures, and soundscapes, to bring alive both an exterior and interior walk.

We are grateful to the support of Fr Dominic Robinson and Farm Street Church for hosting the concert in this magnificent Church.

Entry by donation at the door, proceed will go towards supporting the works of ‘The Farm Street Church Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul soup run’, ‘Central London Catholic Churches, Farm Street Homeless Service’, and the development of ‘Musical Rainbow Project’. Refreshment to follow after the concert. For further details or enquiries, contact the Parish Office at farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk or musicalrainbowproject@gmail.com

Catholic Listeners

Catholic Listeners, the new confidential helpline launched this year during Holy Week. The service which is part of the Diocese of Westminster, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith as well as to support those who need someone to talk to. The helpline is all about listening to others, listening to those who might have become isolated due to the pandemic. This service is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Although not a counselling service, there is a professional team trained in signposting callers to other services and agencies. For further information please email Catholiclisteners@gmail.com or call us on 0800 448 0704

Catholic Listeners are here to listen.

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



First Sunday of Lent 26th February 2023

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest
Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday: 8am, 1.05pm, & 6pm
Saturday: 8am & 6pm
Sunday: 8am, 9.30am (Family), 11am (Latin),
12.30pm, 5.30pm, & 7pm (Young Adult, 18-35)

All Masses can be viewed on our livestreaming page <https://www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream>

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday to Thursday: 12 noon to 1pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (LENT)

Friday: 12.30pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday: 12 noon – 12.55pm
Saturday: 10am to 12 noon; 5.45pm – 5.55pm
Sunday: Fifteen minutes before every Mass
Also by appointment

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday: 7.30am - 6.30pm
Sunday: 7.30am – 7.00pm

YEAR A ENTRY

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

RESPONSE

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

ACCLAMATION

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

COMMUNION

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



WHY LENT?

The season of Lent is a privileged time of the year. It offers us the opportunity to stand back from our daily activities and cares, and to ask: 'Where are they all leading? What is the purpose of them all?' Remember Martha and Mary in the Gospel. Mary sat at the feet of Jesus listening to him, whereas Martha was all tied up with the work of running the house and receiving the guests. Jesus said to her: "Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one." (Lk.10:38-42) What is that one thing? Where can I find it? What effect should it have on my daily occupations and cares? The purpose of Lent is to help us answer these questions.

Jesus also pointed out that Mary had chosen the better part. Let us follow her example this Lent and try to dedicate some time each day to listening to the Lord. We will need to find a few moments of silence when we won't be interrupted and can escape the noise of people talking all the time, or the radio and television blaring, not to mention mobile phones or other contraptions. But we will also need to seek an inner silence if we are to hear God's voice and this is sometimes harder since our minds are so often full of ideas or thoughts chasing themselves around pell mell in our brains. Let us make the effort to let go of them, perhaps by concentrating on something simple such as our breathing in and out.

In the liturgy for Ash Wednesday, St. Paul tells us: "Now is the favourable time, this is the day of salvation". Whether we receive the ashes or not, let them be a symbol that we have heard the Lord's invitation and intend to do our best to accept it. This will mean, as the prophet Joel tells us in the first reading, letting our hearts be broken, and not our garments torn. For this is the invitation the Lord in making to each one of us this Lent: "Come back to me with all your hearts...for (I am) all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness, and ready to relent." (Joel 2:12-13)

What a wonderful and deeply moving invitation this is! How can we not be moved by it? How could we close our ears to it? Yet we do! We turn away from the deep love it expresses for us and bury ourselves in far less valuable occupations and things. May this Lent be an opportunity for responding to it and repaying its love by our own love in return. And let us choose some specific and practical ways in which we can do this.

Fr Michael Campbell-Johnston SJ
From the archives. First published on the 9th March 2014.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: First Sunday of Lent
Mon: Lent feria; St Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor
Tue: Lent feria
Wed: St David, Patron of Wales
Thu: Lent feria
Fri: Lent feria (*Friday abstinence*)
Sat: Lent feria; St Casimir
Sun: Second Sunday of Lent

Daily Readings

Sun: Genesis 2:7-3:7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
Mon: Leviticus 19:1-18; Matthew 25:31-46
Tue: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Wed: Philippians 3:8-14; Matthew 5:13-16
Thu: Esther 4:17-end; Matthew 7:7-12
Fri: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
Sat: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48
Sun: Genesis 12:1-4; II Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Charles Curran, Christopher, Maggie Danby, Lady Antonia Fraser, Katerina, Erin Lillis, Laura Marani, Robert McCormack, Millon Nigussie, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, Richard, Leopold, Nick Walker, & Francis Walsh
The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health. Psalm 41:3
We pray for those in the parish who have recently died. Jamie Burnett
Requiescant in pace

Sunday Refreshments

Refreshments are served in the Arrupe Hall after the 9.30am, 11am, and 5.30pm Sunday Masses (second and fourth Sunday only for 5.30pm).

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	180	Led by the Spirit of our God
Offertory	840	God of mercy and compassion
Communion	752	My song is love unknown
Recessional	206	Forty days and forty nights

11am Solemn Latin Mass Music

Mass Missa in honorem Sancti Dominici *Rubbra*
Motets Domine exaudi orationem meam *Purcell*
Agnus Dei *Morley*

Novena to St Francis Xavier

The Novena of Grace to St Francis Xavier will be said at every Mass at Farm Street Church from the 4th to 12th March. A visiting Jesuit will preach Monday to Saturday at the 6pm Mass and Sundays at 5.30pm Mass. All are invited to participate in this novena.
Sancte Franciscus Xaverius. Ora pro nobis

Coffee Morning

Newcomers to Farm Street are warmly invited to a Coffee Morning (homemade cakes included) on Saturday, 25th March from 10am until midday at 114 Mount Street. It is very informal, simply a way to meet a few parishioners and perhaps to find out a bit more about the parish. There is no need to book, just come and stay for as little or as long as you like

'Meditations' by Ewa Brachel

We are very pleased to announce that we will be displaying 'Meditation' by renowned artist Ewa Brachel in the Ground Floor Gallery at 114 Mount Street. This exhibition will run from Tuesday 28th February to Saturday 1st April. All are invited to view this exhibition.
For more information about the artist, please visit www.ewabrachel.com

SAVE THE DATE

This year's Farm Street Charity Ball will take place on Saturday, 7th October at the Savile Club, Brook Street, London W1. Champagne reception, dinner, raffle, live auction, musical entertainment and dancing until 1am, all in support of several Catholic charities. Details and booking information will be published during the summer.

Job opportunity: Fixed-term Collection

Management Assistant (Heythrop Library)
17.5 hours per week, for 12 month.
Salary: 23,100 (pro rata)
Application deadline: Tuesday 28th February 2023, by 2pm (GMT)
Interviews: Monday 20th March 2023.

For how to apply, as well as the job and person specifications, please see <https://www.londonjesuitcentre.org/news/fixed-term-collection-management-assistant>

A Lamp For Our Lady

To give honour to Our Lady, a lamp will now burn before her statue in the sanctuary. A 7-day lamp will be lit every Saturday, the day traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin, and burn throughout the week. An offering of £10 is requested to light this lamp, the intention of which will be printed every week in the Newsletter or may be kept anonymous (e.g. 'An anonymous donor for a private intention'). Please email the Parish Secretary (FarmStreetOffice@rcdow.org.uk) with your requested week and intention as well as how you wish it to be published.

The lamp this week is lit for the deceased members of the Maley and Abate families



The London Jesuit Centre is a place for the teaching and discussion of theology, the study and practice of the spiritual life, and engagement with issues of social and environmental justice, for the greater glory of God and the common good. It offers a programme of events, courses, and retreats. It is also a centre for individual spiritual direction and training and professional development in spiritual accompaniment. All are welcome to participate in the London Jesuit Centre programme. Below is a sampling of some upcoming events. For more information and to sign up to their mailing list for regular updates on events, please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/>. For more information, contact Federica Fiore at ffiore@jesuit.org.uk.

Why Believe? Defending and Explaining the Faith

Tuesday, 28 February 2023 to Tuesday 28th March 2023
12:00pm - 1:00pm
Online - Zoom
In this course we take a hard look at some of the most difficult questions that are asked of the Christian faith, so as to think about it more clearly, explain it more persuasively and defend it more effectively. For example, there seem to be some bad reasons to believe in God, but are there any really good reasons? And even if there are some good reasons to support belief in God, aren't there also lots of reasons not to believe? What about the thought that belief in God is irrelevant to the most important things in our lives, anyway? Can't people be 'good without God'? Why bother trying to resolve questions that lie beyond the limits of our understanding?
In each week of the course we take a look at one problematic question or an objection to Christian belief, and see what kinds of response might usefully be put forward in response.